CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
Descriptive note:	None
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Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
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Summary of reasons for decision:

The image explicitly depicts three females engaged in sexual activity. The Classification Office considered whether the subjects present as young persons and concluded that they do not. While some aspects of their appearance are youthful, they do not unequivocally present as young persons and could easily be young adults. Nevertheless, the unrestricted availability of the image is likely to be injurious to the public good. There is common social consensus that explicit sexual material should be limited to adults because of the potential for harm to the developing sexual attitudes and behaviours of young people from premature exposure to such material. This image file is therefore restricted to adults. While this restriction limits the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, it is a reasonable restriction in the interest of preventing injury to the public good.